impact and to suggest improvements in implementation of Self Employment to Educated Unemployed Youth (SEEUY) Scheme, guidelines were issued by the Development Commissioner, Small Scale Industries in 1986 to all State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations for carrying out evaluation of SEEUY Scheme on a regular basis. This evaluation is undertaken by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations themselves through independent organisations with the prior approval of the Development Commissioner (SSI), New Delhi. No criteria is fixed for choosing places for evaluation study for SEEUY Scheme and the choice is left to the State Governments for selection of districts. However, the coverage of the study is confined to 2 to 5 districts in each State in a year.

(b) State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC) comprises financial institutions, commercial banks, RBI, NABARD, State level Government Officials and Central Government representative. District Consultative Committee consists of all the financial institutions operating in the district, commercial banks and State Governments authorities at the district level. Lead Bank of the district acts as convenor of District Consultative Committee, Deputy Commissioner/District Collector/District Magistrate is the Chairman of the District Consultative Committee.

Paying of Buses by Contract Carriage Permit Holders at Stage Carriers

3703. SHRI JEEWAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to refer to the reply given to the Unstarred Question No. 1251 on January 3, 1991 and state:

(a) the number of contract carriage permit holders found plying their buses as stage carriages in Delhi between January 1, 1991 and October 31, 1991 and the action taken against them; and

(b) how the Government propose to deal with the situation in an effective manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). From 1st January to 31st October, 1991, 242 Contract Carriages were persecuted for violation of permit conditions. The Delhi Administration carries-out vigorous checking on a regular basis against such malpractices.

Cut in Defence Expenditure

3704. SHRI R. SURENDER REDDY:
SHRI ANBARASU ERA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Monetary Fund has suggested for reduction in the defence expenditure by about 20 per cent for the three years period beginning from April 1, 1992; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arises.

Settlement of Loans taken by Punalur Paper Mills Limited, Kerala

3705. SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SUREH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question No. 1622 on August 17, 1990 and state:

(a) whether the Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India, Industrial Finance Corporation of India, Industrial Development Bank of India and Canara Bank are not implementing the decision taken on 26 June, 1990 to accept the principal amount from the Punaiur Paper Mills Limited, Kerala, in full and final settlement of loans taken by it;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b). At the meeting held on 26.6.90 it was agreed by Industrial Credit and Investment Corporation of India (ICICI) (the lead financial institution) and Canara Bank that they would consider a one time settlement proposal from Punalur Paper Mills (PPM) subject to certain terms and conditions. ICICI has subsequently reported that since PPM was not agreeable to abiding by some of these terms and conditions, it became impossible to implement the one time settlement proposal.

(c) Government would continue to urge that PPM would need to approach the financial institutions and the bank for working out a mutually acceptable solution.

Amendment to Child Marriage Restraint Act, 1929

3706. SHRI B. DEVARAJAN: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to bring forward legislation to amend the Child Marriage Restraint Act, 1929 in order to raise the minimum age of marriage and to provide for stricter enforcement of the provisions of the Act; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b). The Child Marriage Restraint Act, 1929 had already been amended as far back as in 1978 to raise the minimum age of marriage in the case of a male to 21 years and in the case of a female to 18 years. For stricter enforcement of the provisions the offences under the Act have been made cognizable for the purposes of investigation, etc. Hence no further proposals in this regard are under consideration at present.

[*Translation*]

Loan From IMF

3707. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of loan sought from the International Monetary Fund for Eighth Five Year Plan projects;

(b) the names of the projects for which this loan has been sought; and

(c) the amount of loan assured to be given and the conditions thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) International Monetary Fund credits are not project-tied. IMF extends credit to a member country to overcome its balance of payments difficulties.